

Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 16 February 2017, 18:30

Venue: Hillhead Sports Club

Present: E.Kennedy, B. Wilde, F. Macleod, G. McCracken, I. Watson, G. Purdy, D. Brown, R. Beetham, C. Souness, K. Borland, D. Cunningham, L. Mitchell, S. Semple, R. Edwards, P. Kemp, L. Slaughter, E. Grant, L. Easton, M. Easton, E. Strachan, A. McConnell

Apologies: C. Morrison, S. Taylor, M. Smith, C. Faust, O. Burnside, I. Graham

MINUTES of Meeting

1. EK welcomed everyone
2. EK presented the Convenor's report, describing the genesis of St Ayles skiff coastal rowing and GCRC's history and achievements. He would provide copy of the report for inclusion with GCRC documentation. EK was thanked for taking on the role of Convenor in order to get the club established; without his contribution, GCRC would not have progressed as it had.
3. IW presented the Treasurer's Report, together with Accounts 2016-17. All indicators were highly positive; Accounts approved unanimously.
4. IW provided details of equipment required and other known costs for Projected Budget 2017-18; Club must continue to raise funds from all sources if we are to grow.
5. IW informed the members that the Committee advised that annual subscription rates 2017-18 remain at £20/£10 concession. Accepted unanimously.
6. Amendment to Constitution proposed with rationale for same; "The financial year of the club shall run from First April to Thirty-first March" to replace "The financial year of the club shall run from Thirty-first January to Thirtieth January". Accepted unanimously.
7. Committee Membership: Election of Office Bearers – Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer:
Convenor G. McCracken – proposed by E.Kennedy; seconded by R. Beetham;
Secretary F. Macleod – proposed by B. Wilde; seconded by E. Strachan
Treasurer I. Watson – proposed by G. McCracken; seconded by G. Purdy
8. Members were invited to help to take the Club forward. GM asked that members think of areas in which their particular interest and expertise could help take the club forward. At the end of the meeting, there would be the opportunity to volunteer under various headings.
9. BW described the forthcoming Clydebuilt Festival w/e 23/24 September 2017, including Castle to Crane fixed seat rowing craft event Sat 23 September and Glasgow Cup skiff racing event Sunday 24 September. There would soon be a dedicated website with information updates. BW and GM would serve as Trustees on the organising group. GM gave a brief description of activities already identified in which GCRC members' involvement would be sought.
10. GM asked members to contribute ideas for fundraising, and to consider taking on an organisational role in this crucial area.
11. GM noted that responses to the recent questionnaire revealed that 50% of members favoured the development of two types of rowing session. Suitable terminology would have to be agreed, but it was planned to indicate on Eventbrite whether an offered session would be *racing* orientated, so high stroke rate and extended duration of rowing before

rest period, or *skills* focused, with lower stroke rate and shorter rowing periods between rests. GM wanted to retain also the mixed sessions which characterise our weekend rowing at present and have proved so successful in promoting our club ethos.

12. AOB : There being no other business, GM closed the formal business of the AGM at 7.45pm, reminding members to take time to look at the various areas of club activities and volunteer to assist where their contribution could be valuable to the growth of GCRC.

GM then introduced Andrew McConnell, who gave a most interesting and relevant talk on the development of the project to refurbish the West Clubhouse, upriver of the tidal weir. It was clear that areas of synergy between GCRC and West may well exist, and that the Doors Open Weekend 16/17 September 2017 offered opportunity to explore this further. AM was thanked for his presentation.